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SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. LB 226 was advanced unanimously from the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee. It's supported by the Secretary of State and would bring consistency to residence requirements for election commissioners. It would change the residence requirement to one year for county election commissioners and chief deputy election commissioners for counties having more than 100,000 inhabitants, and for counties having not less than 20,000 and not more than 100,000 inhabitants. Chief deputy election commissioners in counties having more than one thousand...hundred thousand inhabitants currently do not have a residency requirement and that would change, to be consistent, and the remaining election commissioners and chief deputy election commissioners currently have a resident requirement of at least five years. In Nebraska statute, the only other five-year residency requirement is for the Lieutenant Governor or Governor, and this brings it more in line with other elected officials, such as ourselves, as well as other county officials, most of whom do not have residency requirements or have residency requirements of six months or more. So, essentially, all it does is change from five years to one year. This will increase the pool and...of people who can apply and will make this section of our statute a little more consistent. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Debate on the advancement of the bill? Seeing none, Senator Thompson is recognized to close. She waives that closing. The question before the body is the advancement of LB 226. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted who care to? Record.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 226.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: The bill advances. LB 253.

CLERK: LB 253, introduced by Senator Schimek. (Read title.) Bill was introduced on January 5, referred to the Government Committee, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Schimek, you're recognized to open